



## News Notes

**Colts' cheerleaders** – The Indianapolis Colts cheerleaders will be performing Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Freedom Tower mall.

**Scholarships offered** – The Hickam Officer's Spouses club is offering scholarships for students attending an accredited 2-4 year college, university, vocational or technical school. Applications are available today at Hickam library, the education center, thrift shop, Airman and Family Readiness Center, Radford High School and the Ka Leo Newsletter. For more information, contact Jeanne Long at Longj005@hawaii.rr.com or call 442-4491.

**Pau Hana** – The Leeward Young Men's Christian Association in Waipahu invites military members to their pau hana event, Dec. 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The new facility offers expanded childcare services, before and after school programs and cardio and group exercise rooms as well as an outdoor six-lane heated swimming pool. For more information call Madalene

**Cookie caper** – Volunteers from Team Hickam are needed to help nearly 600 dorm residents feel at home during the holiday season. Homemade cookies can be dropped off at the Daedalian Room of the O'Club on Dec. 8 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Volunteers are also needed to wrap the cookie care packages. For more information, contact Capt. Collado at 448-6222 or Mrs. Liz Nelsen at 664-0072.

**Community center opens** – Hickam Community Housing invites all HCH families to its Community Center grand opening at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the center. The new center features meeting rooms, a fitness room, family room, conference center and more. For more information on the center, call HCH at 423-2300.

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### In this week's Kukini



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# Total force brings Sailors home

By Capt.  
**Karin McWhorter**  
Pacific Air Forces  
Public Affairs

When the call came in that six Sailors were critically injured when a steam line ruptured on board the USS Frank Cable, a submarine tender based on Guam, the Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center and the Aeromedical Evacuation Control Team based here sprang into action.

The first step was to get the Critical Care Medical Attendant Transport Team to Guam. A KC-135, assigned to the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Japan, flew the Kadena-based team to Guam and, upon arrival, the team loaded all their equipment on a Hickam-based C-17 that had just landed.

The CMAT readied the patients for transport and loaded them on the C-17 for immediate aero medical evacuation. Fifteen hours after the steam line ruptured, injuring the sailors, the first leg of their journey to San Antonio, Texas for advanced medical care, had begun.

Meanwhile, a McChord C-17 and crew from the Air Force Reserve's 728th Airlift Squadron diverted to pick up the nine-member Army Burn Center Flight Team from Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas; the only one of its kind in the Department of Defense. The Team arrived in Hawaii before the patients and stood by on the Hickam flightline for the C-



Photo by Master Sgt. Roderick Reyes

**Medical personnel attend to an injured sailor aboard a Hawaii based C-17 Globemaster III at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Six sailors recieved severe burns when a steam line ruptured in the engineering room of the USS Frank Cable in Guam.**

17 to arrive from Guam.

"There were a lot of moving pieces to this evacuation and it came together beautifully because of the support we received from all the services," said Lt. Col. Leslie Ann, TPMRC director. "When the C-17 landed here,

there were medical personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force as well as local first responders from Hawaii."

Less than ten hours after their arrival here the Sailors were stabilized and ready for the last leg of their

trip.

The Army Burn Center team accompanied the Sailors on board another

Hickam C-17, assigned to the 15

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## Hawaii selected to host Air Force Week 2007

By Tech Sgt. Tom Czerwinski  
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Honolulu has been selected as one of six cities nation-wide and the only city outside the continental United States to host Air Force Week in 2007.

Air Force Week Honolulu will be held seaside in Waikiki, Sept. 12 -15, 2007. Highlighting the week-long event will be a performance by the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team, The Thunderbirds, over the Waikiki waterfront Sept. 15, with opportunities to view them practicing earlier in the week.

The Air Force will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a new initiative called "Air Force Week," which was designed to speak to the American public to honor and celebrate the Air Force's 60th anniversary.

"Our objective is to create a better awareness for the Air Force to our civilian counterparts and increase the support we have

with our community in regards to our programs and policies," said Col. Rojo Herrea, director AFWH. "Also we believe recruiting efforts will be enhanced by getting out the real story about the Air Force."

By combining the Thunderbirds aerial show, unique ground displays, public speaking engagements by senior Air Force leaders, and appearances by Tops in Blue, the Air Force's premier traveling band, and the Air Force band of the Pacific; these events enforce the declaration of the "Year of the Air Force" by Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle, which began in September 2006.

"We are hugely proud and excited that Honolulu has been chosen to host Air Force week as we enter the year of celebration of the Air Force's 60th anniversary," said Gen. Paul V. Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander. "Honolulu is the centerpiece of what we call the

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photo by Kirsten Tacker

**Michael Madayag, 15th Maintenance Operations Squadron, assembles a tricycle for local keiki.**

## Put wrench to grinch, brighten holidays

By Kirsten Tacker  
Kukini Photojournalist

Elves from the 15th Maintenance Group greeted the holiday season by donating toys and bikes for the Lokahi Giving Project.

The LGP is a local charity partnered with the Salvation Army that helps struggling families have a brighter holiday season.

Everything the 15th MXG collected stays on Oahu for children in need here.

"We started donating in 2001 and this is the third year we are giving 20 bikes," said Sam Nakata, C-17 avionics system

Thanks to the 15th MXG's elves and secret Santa's, many unsuspecting children will have big smiles on their faces Christmas day.

"This is a win-win situation, because everybody got involved," said Mr. Nakata. "We have lots of toys of various items donated by a group of people. I didn't ask they all knew what was happening and brought them in."

After the volunteers assembled the bikes Mr. Nakata, Guy Saranillio and others brought the donated items to the Ala Moana Mall Dec. 2 where KHON2 newscaster Leslie Wilcox received them.

## Aglow with the Holiday Spirit

**Team Hickam members gathered at Freedom Tower, Dec. 1 for the annual tower lighting ceremony. The Air Force**





# SECAF/CSAF talk to Airmen about holiday safety

**By Michael W. Wynne and Gen. T. Michael Moseley**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
and Chief of Staff of the Air Force

The holiday season gives many of us the well-deserved opportunity to relax and celebrate with friends and family. But for some the holidays can be stressful, especially when heightened by separation from loved ones. This time of year includes unique opportunities for activities and emotions that we should be both grateful for and wary of. We're asking you once again to keep a close eye on your Wingmen - your friends, loved ones and fellow Airmen - this holiday season, thus continuing to play an important role in preserving the Air Force's most precious resource - you. Although we already put a lot of emphasis on safety, we can all do more to look out for our Wingmen. Eight of our precious

Airmen have committed suicide this fiscal year. Many of these heartbreaking tragedies could have been avoided if Wingmen had intervened. In FY06 we lost 45 Airmen to private motor vehicle mishaps and countless others were injured. Most of these could have been avoided with proper risk management decisions. During this season, in particular, many off-duty activities carry significant inherent risk that can easily be compounded by exceeding individual capabilities, drinking alcohol, failing to follow proper procedures or wear the proper gear, and failing to plan for winter travel. It takes leadership - both from individuals and the chain of command - to prevent needless losses. Leaders at all levels must focus attention on sound individual decision making, a disciplined approach to risk management, and the importance of Educating, Motivating, and Activating.

“ **Wherever your service takes you this holiday season, be safe, proud and certain that all Americans value and appreciate you.** ”

Educating means building the knowledge, skills, and character to behave safely and decrease risk exposure. Motivating means giving fellow Airmen the incentive to make the right decisions. Activating means providing the tools to act safely and ensuring each Airman understands the importance of making the right choice. Ultimately, we can all make a difference, both for the friends and families of our Airmen and for the nation as a whole. Each life we save and each mishap we

prevent translates directly into preserving combat capability for our nation. We are at war and need every Airman combat ready and in the fight. We are grateful for the friends and family who understand and support your sacrifices, and wish them warmth and comfort this season under the blanket of security you provide. And we're grateful for Airmen who demonstrate that the defense of freedom is an unyielding endeavor and live by ideals that never take a holiday. Today, nearly 700,000 total force Airmen are answering the call to serve as part of the Joint Team, defending our nation here at home or deployed a world away. Wherever your service takes you this holiday season, be safe, proud and certain that all Americans value and appreciate you. We remain amazed by what you do every day for our great nation. You have our heartfelt thanks.

## Something larger: Our military service ensures a free nation

**By Lt. Col. Bill Murphey**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron

Some of our Airmen believe they are owed something. They want to know what's in it for them. As service members, we must never forget we are serving our nation's needs, not our own. We each swore an oath to support and defend our Constitution. At one time or another, we each had the desire to be a part of something larger than ourselves. In the past three months, at least nine members of the 25th Infantry Division, at Schofield Barracks, gave their all for some-

thing larger than themselves. They were killed in Iraq while defending freedom and democracy. They hold a special place in my heart, as these were men who spent time in our Air Mobility Command passenger terminal. They walked among us, ate pizza served by our selfless USO volunteers, and made small talk with their fellow Soldiers and anyone else willing to listen. Before the Soldiers stepped off the bus and into the terminal, my guidance to my Airmen was simple, "Treat them like rock stars, as some of them won't be coming home." Indeed, nine Americans won't be coming home.

Those men were on my mind when I had the opportunity to speak to my nephew's third grade class as the capstone to their Veteran's Day lesson. My nephew lives in a town in Northwest Arkansas where very few people have a direct connection to the military. Dressed in my battle dress uniform, I spoke of what it was like to be in the Air Force, the adventures I've had and the places I'd been. I also spoke of the sacrifices our veteran's have made and continue to make. The children were full of questions. No less than four times, the kids asked me if I had been to New York. I can only surmise that

September 11th, 2001, weighed on their impressionable minds. They wanted to know if I had a gun and if I had ever killed any bad guys. For them, Iraq and Afghanistan were abstract places far away. They were more concerned about their safety in their own neighborhood. The 10 minutes I was allotted soon turned into a 45 minute question and answer period, with their teacher just as deeply involved in the discussion as her students. As I began to leave, one of the children grabbed my sleeve and told me he hopes I don't die. During that same trip, still

dressed in my uniform, a stranger stopped me at a gas station and said a simple, "Hey, sir, thank you." He knows why we serve. Truly our struggle is affecting everyone. We can't afford to focus on what's in it for ourselves. Our fallen brethren deserve more, our nation's children deserve more. We do owe our Airmen something. We owe it to them to remind them why we serve. We serve to ensure the youth of our great nation never know life without freedom; the freedom our forefathers fought and died for and the security we have all enjoyed.

## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

### Hickam Community Housing

**Comment:** My Family and I reside in the Phase 2 construction area. We have contacted Hickam Community Housing on numerous occasions for updates to the Phase 1 project. The answer is always the same, no matter who answers the phone. We have no updates and construction is still on hold. The tone in there voice sounds as if they are annoyed with residents asking these questions. We are aware that chlordane in the soil is what is causing this delay, but would like to know what is being done to fix the problem and how long the resolution will take. Is the open soil surrounding the construction site a danger to residents currently residing in Hale Na Koa? Another concern is the process of how they are going to move the tenants from Phase 2. I am scheduled for a permanent

change of station in June 2007 and there is a possibility that we may be forced to move for 2 months. Is there any way that HCH can take that into consideration and move the residents who will PCS shortly after the completion of Phase 2 moves and move those tenants first? We are absolutely frustrated with HCH and the service they have provided. Recently, we had a service order for the sliding glass door to be fixed because it would fall off the rail. Instead of replacing the rail, they used a grinder to smooth where the rail was bent. I have made several complaints about a broken swing that kids play on. The swing has yet to be fixed. There are many yards that don't have grass or the grass is dead. I made complaints about the appearance of the neighborhood and the answer I received from our community manager was all we can do is ask them to water their yard. I was recently promoted and went to Hickam Community Housing to change my BAH allotment and they had me fill out paperwork to get my rank changed on the sign two months ago and they still have not accomplished that. We are paying a lot of money to HCH and the conditions that we currently live in are not acceptable. Thank You for your time. **Response:** I understand, and thank you for sharing your concerns. Hickam Community Housing employees have been reminded of how residents can perceive the quality of cus-

tomers service they receive through the tone of voice of the individual answering the phone. "It wasn't meant to sound that way, and we apologize for the misinterpretation," said Rick Cunefare, HCH manager. The construction delay in Hale Na Koa was a complex issue to resolve. The good news is resolution was finally achieved and HCH recommenced its construction on Nov. 6. HCH is working hard and anticipates moving the first residents into the new housing section beginning in January 2007. Residents will be relocated by sub-phases and HCH will be presenting a relocation schedule to affected residents shortly. Regarding the soil surrounding Hale Na Koa, no imminent health threat exists for residents. The replacement for the broken swing has been special-ordered and HCH has removed the old seat in the interim. Your sliding door was able to be repaired rather than replaced, however, if it's still not working, please contact HCH. Residents are continually reminded of their responsibility to water their lawns, and HCH provides free grass seed to repair worn areas of their yards. As for your name sign, you're right, it should have been installed sooner. I'm glad to hear it's now in place. I know that HCH takes its residents' concerns seriously, which is why they recently began a program called "Ask HCH", to improve dialogue with its residents. You can emailAskHCH@HickamCH.com where your concerns will be addressed by the HCH Property Manager within two days of receipt.



## Hickam Diamond Tips Military Image

While in uniform, standing or walking with hands in your pockets is unauthorized. Hands are only allowed to be placed in your pockets briefly to retrieve or insert a personal item.

*Source: 96th Air Force Uniform Board  
Questions? Contact your First Sergeant.*

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### Crisis Response lines

Hickam Family Support Center  
**449-0300**  
Life Skills Support Center  
**449-0175**  
Law Enforcement Desk  
**449-6373**



# Military has guardian angels

By Tech. Sgt.  
Shane Cuomo  
Air Force Print News

With a mind set geared towards innovation Airmen from three career fields have worked to bring the Guardian Angel Weapon System on line for the Air Force.

For Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape specialists, Pararescuemen and Combat Rescue Officers, this system and their mission is to become experts in all five stages of the PR life cycle - report, locate, support, recover, and reintegrate isolated personnel.

Before GAWS, PJ's and SERE specialists worked towards the same goal but rarely connected. The only connection came from pipeline students going through a three-week survival course and annual aircrew training on survival techniques.

"The creation of the GAWS has forged a synergy between a dedicated advocacy for both SERE and PJ brothers allowing integration that brings, and will continue to bring, unparalleled capabilities to commanders in the prosecution of personnel recovery," said Senior Master Sgt. Paul Knox, Pacific Air Forces SERE functional manager.

The Air Force is the only member of the DoD specifically organized, trained and equipped to conduct personnel recovery operations in hostile or denied areas as a primary



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

**Air Force pararescuemen are extracted from an abandoned housing site by an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter.**

mission. "GAWS has allowed PJ's to focus more on their recovery responsibilities," said Senior Master Sgt. Neil McCreedy, PACAF Pararescue function manager. "In addition, this gives senior PJ's more opportunities to train and prepare our junior PJ's for their war time mission set," he said.

"This is one of the most

exciting times in our history. As we continue to refine our processes and operations, future isolated persons can look forward to a robust, dedicated, highly trained and equipped recovery force totally focused on their recovery and reintegration" said Sergeant Knox. "No other military on the planet can make such a claim."



Photo by Angela Elbern

**Master Sgt. Eric Daido and Tech. Sgt. Rex Hadlich unload a chair at the Veteran's club.**

## Hickam Guardsman honors WWII veterans with visit, chair donation

Story and photos by Angela Elbern  
15th Communications Squadron

A member of the Hawaii Air National Guard won a Lazy Boy recliner from KITV 4's Morning Show Nov. 29.

When asked what he was going to do with the chair, Master Sgt. Eric Daido replied, "I'd like to donate it to a 'shut-in' senior citizen, a senior that can't really go anywhere."

He then recalled his Uncle had fought in the Army's 100th Battalion. He made a call to the battalion Veteran's Club and found out his Uncle, Takeo Daido was the recipient of the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, only given to those who fought in combat and the bronze star.

Monday, Sergeant Daido picked up the recliner from KITV 4 and delivered it to the veterans. They greeted him, and his close

friend, Tech Sgt. Rex Hadlich who performed an immaculate shrink wrap job on the chair and helped with the transport. Sergeant Daido then announced his wish to donate the chair in the name of his Uncle Takeo who had served with them. The veterans appeared to be pleased and honored with Daido's unexpected gesture of kindness.

President of the club, Robert Arakaki, tested the chair first and joked that it should be the president's chair. He autographed a book written about the 100th Battalion, which Mr. Takeo is listed in, and gave it as a gift to Sergeant Daido.

Mr. Arakaki and the other veterans there expressed their appreciation and took the opportunity to share bits and pieces of their past and showed off some of the displays that brought the walls of the club and fallen soldiers to life.

# Airman Leadership School graduates class 07-A

By Master Sgt.  
Vanessa Smallsbryant  
Professional Military  
Education Center, Director of  
Education

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center hosted the graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 07-A Wednesday.

More than 280 guests were treated to an entertaining evening highlighted by guest speaker Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, Pacific Air Forces command chief.

Senior Airman Michael Morris, 324th Intelligence Squadron, garnered top honors as the John L. Levitow Award recipient. Staff Sgt. Ryan Stark, 535th Airlift Squadron, earned the Leadership Award and Senior Airman Dustin Martin, 324th Intelligence Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement Award. Other

Distinguished Graduates included Senior Airman Michael Carbrey, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Senior Airman Joshua Blue, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Senior Airman Maria Jenkins, Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron, Senior Airman Justin Pitassi, PACAF Air Intelligence Squadron, and Senior Airman Jason Scaffidi, 535th Airlift Squadron.

During the class, students were trained and evaluated on leadership, management and human resource management skills. They completed both written and verbal communication assignments, conducted interpersonal communication sessions, performed weekly reveille/retreat formations, and participated in weekly Fit-to-Fight activities.

Additionally, students volunteered their off-duty time performing litter

patrol along the beach area at Bellows Air Station. Approximately 200 pounds of trash and debris was collected. Students also rallied together to collect canned food items which will be donated to the needy during the upcoming Christmas holidays.

Upon graduation from ALS, each student receives nine semester hours of college credit from the Community College of the Air Force. Graduation from ALS completes the first of four levels of Air Force professional military education.

The graduates of ALS Class 07-A are:

**15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**  
Krystopher Douglas  
Robert Gouge  
Michael Keenan  
Christopher Reamy  
**15th Airlift Wing**  
Melissa Harrington  
Michelle Jones

**15th Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Craig Buckley  
Ryan Gentzler  
Tony Justo  
Gabriel Villalobos  
**15th Communications Squadron**  
Paul Burdick  
Matthew Perrin  
Jason Sagan  
**15th Maintenance Operations Squadron**  
Abbe Watts  
**15th Maintenance Squadron**  
Keith Fielding  
**15th Medical Support Squadron**  
Jenne Markovitz  
**15th Security Forces Squadron**  
Anthony Halsey  
**15th Services Squadron**  
Clarissa Gomez  
Marquita Powell  
**17th Operations Weather Squadron**  
Christopher Eklund  
Jennifer Melvin  
**25th Air Support**

**Operations Squadron**  
Jeremy Whiddon  
**56th Air and Space Communications Squadron**  
Vincent Bourgeois  
Dallas Kia  
Brandon Rolerson  
**324th Intelligence Squadron**  
Jeffrey Alejandro  
Seth Archuleta  
Joshua Blue  
Jason Buford  
Michael Carbrey  
Christopher Carter  
Paul Cortez  
Michael Donnelly  
Christopher Henderson  
Jeremiah Hyde  
Sara Jordan  
Dustin Martin  
Michael Morris  
James Piper  
Steven Plant  
Beau Taylor  
**502nd Air Operations Squadron**  
Nathaniel Conrad  
**535th Airlift Squadron**  
Jason Scaffidi

Ryan Stark  
613th Air Operations Squadron, Combat Operations Division  
April Nealon  
**735th Air Mobility Squadron**  
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Adam Brammer  
Scott Haithcoat  
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**Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems**  
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**Pacific Air Force Regional Supply Squadron**  
Eric Gunther  
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**United States Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center**  
Zachary Reeves



## Tops in Blue tops in family entertainment

By Wyoming Rossett  
15th Services Squadron

The 35 talented performers of Tops in Blue deliver their creative blend of music, fun and entertainment to Team Hickam families during a concert at the Freedom Tower Mall Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

As the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers, members of Tops in Blue fulfill their mission performing for military members and

Turner and Huey Lewis will balance out the all-American country music of Alan Jackson and Trisha Yearwood. Expect to hear the soul of Barry White and the Temptations as well as tender ballads by artists such as Celine Dion and Rod Stewart.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs as open seating on the mall begins at 6 p.m. Food booths will be operated by Youth Sports parents and the







Courtesy photo

Air Force Thunderbirds fly over O’ahu

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**On-base education** – Honolulu Community College and Moanalua Community School for adults offers evening classes at Hickam. For more information, contact Sandy Pinell at 421-4350 or Lester Tanji at 837-8466.

### Toy donations for military tots

– The Air Force Hawaii First Sergeants Association, along with the Hickam Federal Credit Union and Army Air Force Exchange Service are sponsoring the 2006 Operation Warm Heart Soldiers and angels tree campaign. People should stop by the credit union or the Hickam Main Exchange after Thanksgiving to sponsor a child.

### Intramural Basketball

– Players are needed for the upcoming intramural basketball season. Season begins Jan. 3. For more information, call Master

Sgt. Lester LeFrance at 449-0693.

**AF Recruiter** – Tech. Sgt. Derek Rivera, Air Force recruiter, will be at Hangar 2, Room 257 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to meet with prospective applicants for entry into the Air Force. For more information, call 864-4344.

**AFA meets** – The AFA Hawaii Chapter will hold its annual membership meeting on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club, Maui Room. A buffet lunch will be provided for \$11.00 per person. This important meeting will provide AFA members or anyone interested in AFA the opportunity to meet newly elected chapter leadership and participate in the chapter’s new organizational roadmap. For more information, contact Mr. John Simpson, 449-3743, Col. Tim Saffold, 449-0119, or Tech.Sgt. Brenden Davis, 448-2007.

the Pacific and the governor's and mayor's office in Honolulu are absolutely excited about Air Force Week Honolulu - they have their arms wide open.”

Other planned events are a series of 'Sunset on the Beach' events featuring Air Force movies.

“The key to this being a successful event is going to be the support we get from the community. We want to get local community leaders and retired military and college and high school Reserve

Colonel Herrea. The last time the Thunderbirds performed here was in 2003 and in 1997 before that so visits are infrequent and highly visible and exciting when they come.

“Along with the scheduled events, the Air Force Ball and the celebration of Air Force's 60th anniversary, all the buzz in Waikiki during the week will make for a world class event not to be missed,” said General Hester.

## RESCUE, From A1

Airlift Wing, and landed safely at San Antonio International Airport where they were transported to BAMC and are undergoing continued treatment.

The successful aero-medical evacuation of the injured Sailors is attributed to the total force effort.

“When we have a sailor injured anywhere in the world, we will move Heaven and Earth to get them the care they need,” said Pacific Fleet Surgeon Navy Captain Bob Kiser. “In order to do that, it takes all of us together.”

## GRINCH, From A1

and Lt. Col. Dan Wuchenich, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is going to be the spokesman for the presentation.”

Everyone that assembled the bikes shared the same sentiment that they heard about it and thought it sounded like fun. They quickly had all 20 bikes ready for delivery.

“Sam is involved in all kind of good projects like this to help out the community,” said Mr. Saranillio, C-17 hydraulics system technician. “So whenever he needs help we just help him, without Sam nothing gets done like this. He’s really the coordinator for all these projects and has a good heart, especially when it comes to kids.

“The Air Force really gets involved when they are called upon to do it,” he continued. “It is nice to see active duty, Guard and the civilians working all together that is the main thing.”



### Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member reported damage consisting of a tennis ball sized indentation above the rear driver's side tail light on their vehicle.

### Minor vehicle accident

An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to their vehicle. Damage consisted of a dented front bumper. The damage occurred when a barrier activated.

### Theft of government property

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported their identification card was stolen off base.

### Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to their vehicle. Damage consisted of a scratch on the passenger side back quarter panel.

### Shoplifting

A retired Army dependent was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives at the base exchange for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise is \$44.96.

### Minor POV accident

Two active-duty Navy personnel were involved in a minor vehicle accident at Kuntz Avenue and Halehaka. There were no injuries.

### Theft of unsecured government property

A civilian employee reported a chainsaw was stolen from the wetland area adjacent to Ft. Kam Housing.

### Damage of secured private property

An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to their vehicle consisting of a dent and paint transfer to the passenger side rear quarter panel.

### Theft of unsecured personal property

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported their identification card was stolen from Bldg. 1120, Fitness and Sports Center.

### Theft of secured government property

A civilian employee reported two neon beer signs were stolen from Bldg. 1804, J.R. Rockers.

## Fairchild, Grand Forks crews support NATO summit

**ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England (AFPN)** – KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft along with aircrews, crew chiefs and maintainers from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., and Grand Forks AFB, N.D., are augmenting the refueling mission here in support of a NATO Summit mission.

The weeklong deployment by the two stateside units allowed the RAF Mildenhall refueling wing to provide support for a presidential support mission as part of the NATO Summit that took place in Riga, Latvia. The mission included refueling fighters providing air patrol over the Baltic Region. Usually accomplished by NATO, the mission was expanded to protect a greater airspace over an area where 26 heads of state are meeting.

Maj. Steve Preston is Fairchild's assistant director of operations. (Story by Tech. Sgt. Scott Wakefield, Air Force Print News)

## Airman dies in CH-46 helicopter crash

**SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN)** – Capt. Kermit

## Reconstruction team holds vendor fair



Photo by Capt. Kevin Tuttle  
**Capt. Aine Akeley meets local contractors who attended the first Qalat Vendor's Fair Nov. 26 in Qalat, Afghanistan. Forty contractors from the Zabul Province attended the event. Captain Akeley is the services and commodities chief for the Regional Contracting Center.**

Evans, an Air Force civil engineer explosive ordnance flight commander, was killed as a result of a U.S. Marine helicopter emergency water landing Dec. 3.

Captain Evans was one of 16 people aboard the Marine CH-46 helicopter when it

made an emergency water landing near the shore of Lake Qadisiyah in western Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Twelve people survived, while Captain Evans and three other servicemembers did not survive. The incident does not appear to be a result

of enemy action and is currently under investigation.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Evans family as they grieve the tragic loss of this Airman warrior, husband, father, son and brother" said Lt. Gen. Gary North, commander of U.S. Central

Command Air Forces. "Anytime we lose an Airman, our entire Air Force family feels the loss."

## Fighter pilot balanced tactics, safety, effectiveness

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** – I'd hate to see an epitaph on a fighter pilot's tombstone that says, "I told you I needed training"... How do you train for the most dangerous game in the world by being as safe as possible? When you don't let a guy train because it's dangerous, you're saying, "Go fight those lions with your bare hands in that arena, because we can't teach you to learn how to use a spear. If we do, you might cut your finger while you're learning." And that's just about the same as murder. -- Lt. Col. Lloyd "Boots" Boothby, April 17, 1931, to Nov. 26, 2006

That quote may seem a little extreme, but Colonel Boothby was referring to the Air Force's urgent need to improve fighter tactics training, balanced against safety, but not at the expense of effectiveness.

Colonel Boothby, who passed away Nov. 26, was an experienced combat pilot and an academic instructor

in the 37th Fighter Weapons Wing in the early 1970s. He looked at the Air Force's declining kill ratio from Korea to Vietnam which was 2.4 to 1 in Vietnam compared to 8 to 1 in the Korean War. He led the effort to fix it. This involved several key steps, starting with a thorough analysis of the engagements over Vietnam. (Story by Ellery Wallwork, Air Force History Office)

## Fairchild, Grand Forks crews support NATO summit

**ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England (AFPN)** – KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft along with aircrews, crew chiefs and maintainers from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., and Grand Forks AFB, N.D., are augmenting the refueling mission here in support of a NATO Summit mission.

The weeklong deployment by the two stateside units allowed the RAF Mildenhall refueling wing to provide support for a presidential support mission as part of the NATO Summit that took place in Riga, Latvia. (Story by Tech. Sgt. Scott Wakefield, Air Force Print News)

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Families receive  
 \$178 million in  
 retroactive benefits

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** – Base-level casualty assistance representatives around the Air Force have been instrumental in identifying eligible families to receive more than \$178 million in retroactive death benefits.

The payments, made by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, come from recent changes enacted by Congress within the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and death gratuity payment programs.

The retroactive SGLI and death gratuity payments to eligible beneficiaries of deceased servicemembers comes from legislation enacted since May 2005 that raised SGLI from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000.

Orientation program  
 highlights  
 best practices

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN)** – Air Mobility Command mission support group commanders recently traveled to five AMC bases to learn about and evaluate best practices as part of the annual Excellent Installation Orientation Program.

Commanders visited

McGuire AFB, N.J.; Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; and McChord AFB, Wash.

Group commanders have participated in the program in search of new technologies and Lean events that produce innovative business practices. *(Story by Col. Leonard Patrick, Air Mobility Command Expeditionary Combat Support)*

Air Force assists  
 Japanese senior  
 enlisted development

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan (AFPN)** – Fifth Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan Nov. 29 served as host to a 17-member delegation of senior enlisted leaders from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force interested in learning best practices and improving its enlisted force development.

Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, the command chief for U.S. Forces Japan and 5th AF, said the conference was a success at several levels.

"As the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance goes through transformation and realignments, how we consolidate our training locations and train together to be more interoperable will be some of the things we are interested in," said Chief Roy. *(Story by Marine Master Sgt. Terence R. Peck , U.S. Forces Japan Public Affairs)*

Putting steel on target



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Kellum

**Staff Sergeant Chris Cochran and Senior Airman Jason Williamson inspect the triggering device on a missile Nov. 29 at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Both are assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Ammunition Flight. Sergeant Cochran is deployed from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., and Airman Williamson is deployed from Sioux Falls, S.D.**

2007 show schedule

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (AFPN) -- The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," has announced its 2007 air show schedule.

The team is scheduled to perform more than 68 shows in 21 states and nine European countries.

The 2007 schedule is as follows:

March

24-25 Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.  
 31 Point Mugu Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.

April

1 Point Mugu Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.  
 14-15 Eglin AFB, Fla.  
 21-22 Barksdale AFB, La.  
 28-29 Langley AFB, Va.

May

5-6 Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
 12-13 McGuire AFB, N.J.  
 19-20 Andrews AFB, Md.  
 26-27 Wantagh (Jones Beach), N.Y.  
 30 U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo. (Invitation Only)

June

2-3 Davenport, Iowa  
 9-10 Sacramento, Calif.  
 16-17 Pittsburgh  
 23-24 Galway, Ireland  
 26 Krzesiny Air Base, Poland  
 28 Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania  
 30 Ankara, Turkey

July

1 Graf Ignatievo, Bulgaria  
 4 Aviano AB, Italy  
 7- 8 Evreux Field, France  
 14-15 RAF Fairford, U.K.  
 25 Cheyenne, Wyo.  
 28-29 Dayton, Ohio

August

11-12 Niagara Falls, N.Y.  
 15 Atlantic City, N.J.  
 18-19 Chicago  
 25-26 Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass.

September

1-3 Cleveland  
 8 Minot AFB, N.D.  
 15 Hickam AFB, Hawaii  
 22-23 El Paso, Texas  
 29-30 Columbus, Ohio

October

6-7 Pope AFB, N.C.  
 13-14 Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, Calif.  
 20-21 Moody AFB, Ga.  
 27-28 New Orleans

November

3-4 NASA Cape Canaveral, Fla.  
 10-11 Nellis AFB, Nev.

"The entire team is excited to announce our schedule for 2007," said Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins, Thunderbird No. 1, commander and leader. "The Thunderbirds' motto is 'Ambassadors in Blue' ... in the truest sense of those words this year we'll be able to bring the message of every hard-working Airman to thousands of people around the world."

They will commemorate the Air Force's 60th anniversary in 2007.

### **Sea Breeze winter hours**

The Sea Breeze Restaurant will operate under a revised winter schedule until Jan. 31. The lunch buffet will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Tuesday through Friday. Ala carte dinner will be served on Friday and Saturday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Sunday Seafood Buffet will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. And the Sand Bar & Grill will operate Wednesday through Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 449-9900.

### **Drop and shop**

Need time to shop without the children? Drop kids ages 5-12 off at KidSports Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and hit the malls while they play lots of fun-filled activities during drop and shop. Cost for the event is \$25. Paid registration is due today. For more information, call 448-6611.

### **Youth ornament painting**

The Ceramics Shop at the Arts and Crafts Center holds the next holiday youth ornament painting session Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7. For more information, call 449-1568.

### **Hike Haleakala**

The first ten experienced hikers who sign up by Sunday will have an opportunity to go on a three-day

20-mile trek to Haleakala Crater on Maui, Jan. 5 - 8. The \$375 fee includes round-trip airfare, transfers, cabin camping, three camping breakfasts and dinners and two experienced guides. The itinerary may be viewed online at [www.hickamservices.com/inter-island-packages.asp](http://www.hickamservices.com/inter-island-packages.asp). For more information, call Information, Tickets and Travel at 448-2295.

### **Brunch with Santa at the E' Club**

Santa knows that all the nice children will be having brunch with their parents at the Enlisted Club Sunday, so he's stopping by between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Members' children will receive free Polaroid pictures from his visit. There will also be performances by Community Youth Programs. Brunch costs \$18.95 with a \$2 Members First Discount available. For more information or to make reservations, call 448-2271.

### **Honolulu City Lights trolley tour**

Enjoy festive holiday ambiance aboard a trolley as it cruises through downtown's Honolulu City Lights. This two-hour narrated tour leaves from the Information, Tickets and Travel parking lot at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Dec. 19. Cost for adults is \$12, children ages 2-11 are \$10 and the trip is free

for infants. Personal trolleys are available on request for group rides. For more information, call 448-2295.

### **Hike Aiea Loop**

Pass through forests of koa, ohia, guava and other native trees and see the site of a plane crash on a Hike of Aiea Loop Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. People should register with Outdoor Recreation by Wednesday to participate. The trip departs from the Hickam Harbor Office and costs \$35. Bring a swimsuit, towel, shoes, water, lunch and sunscreen. The destination is subject to change based on weather conditions. For more information, call 449-2215.

### **Tops in Blue 2006 World Tour**

Tops in Blue, the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers, take center stage at the Freedom Tower Mall for a performance, Dec. 16. The show's theme, "What's Love?" is their own creative blend of soul, country and pop music. Open seating begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Admission is free and the performance is open to the public. People can register for a chance to win a 550-unit calling card. View a preview of the show online at [www.hickamservices.com](http://www.hickamservices.com). For more information, call 449-3354.

### **Scrapbook day**

It's time to finish those scrapbook album projects. The Arts and Crafts Center's next Scrapbook Day is Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 449-1568.

### **O' Club Brunch with Santa**

Bring the kids and the camera for a great photo opportunity with Santa, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Enjoy great food as well as live holiday piano music. Cost for adults is \$18.95, club members receive a \$2 Members First Discount, cost for children 7-11 is \$5.95; and children ages 4-6 are \$3.75. The event is free for children under 3 years-old. For more information, call 448-4608.

### **Family ginger bread house competition**

Enjoy sweet family time together by building a ginger bread house at the Community Center's family ginger bread house competition Dec. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The \$20 per family fee includes all building supplies and refreshments. There are 10 slots available and the registration deadline is Dec. 18. For more information, call 448-0418.

### **Family housing holiday decorating contest**

Whether it's a nativity scene or a display that rivals Times Square, fami-

lies are invited to compete in the Community Center's best holiday decorations contest. Families interested in competing must contact the Community Center by Dec. 19. Judges will drive by each registered house between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 27. 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 448-0418.

### **Santa grams**

If that Christmas list is a little too long, the Community Center can help with a Santa gram. For \$20 they'll deliver a stocking full of treats and goodies to anyone you choose on Hickam Dec. 22 between 9 a.m. and noon. The registration deadline for this yuletide assistance is Dec. 20. For more information, call 448-0418.

### **Food for framing**

Donate five food items to the food bank at the Arts and Crafts Center during December and receive 20-percent off any custom framing order of \$100 or more. For more information, call 449-1568.

### **Wrap it up**

Receive free gift wrapping during December for any item purchased at the Arts and Crafts Center store. Also, specially marked storage and organizational items are 25 percent off this month. For more information, call 449-

1568.

### **Beach party package special**

Everyone loves a beach party and Recreation Equipment Issue has exactly what it takes to host one. Rent the Beach Party Package Special for only \$60 and get two tables, 12 chairs, a 10 by 10 pop-up tent, a water cooler, a body board and choose between a shave ice, popcorn or cotton candy machine. Delivery service to Hickam Housing is available from Thursday to Monday. For more information, call 449-6870.

### **Massage and spa holiday special**

Discover a personal level of inner peace with the Fitness and Sports Center's Massage and Spa Holiday Special.

Relax with a hot stone massage followed by a sea salt butter body scrub and French green clay algae body wrap. These two hours of pampering are available for only \$100 through Dec. 31. For more information or to book an appointment, call 448-2214.

### **Pinsetter's Poinsettia Pro Shop Special**

Bowl over family and friends with unique gifts from the Bowling Center's Pro Shop. Receive 10-percent off a variety of specially selected bags and shoes during December's Pinsetter's Poinsettia Special. For more information, call 449-2702.



Recycling is everyone's responsibility to properly dispose of waste materials generated and thanks to Hickam's recycling center in October alone they baled more than 37 tons of cardboard, 10.63 tons of newspaper and 15.53 tons of metal.

All recycled materials from residential and industrial totaled 74 tons and 69 bales for the entire month.

"We've had the recycling center for at least 10 years now," said Melvin Muraoka, chief, environmental quality element. "We are improving and accepting more materials, but are limited on what we can accept because we have a permit."

Hickam recycles paper, including white, colored, computer, newspaper, magazines and cardboard. Metals, aluminum cans, ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal. Glass, wood pallets, laser printer cartridges, plastic bottles, soap containers and milk containers.

Hickam cannot recycle tin cans, aluminum foil or pans, Styrofoam, shrinkwrap, envelopes with plastic windows, soiled or food contaminated paper and cardboard, pizza boxes, plastic or wax coated items, paint

aerosols, paint cans, oil cans, lubricants, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide or other hazardous material container.

"This is what we can process according to the permit," said Mr. Muraoka. "We do pick up in general office areas for paper and cardboard, but people are always welcome to bring their recyclable items to the center."

In the same building as the recycling center there is a redemption center, which operates three days a week, Thurs., Fri. 2 to 6 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

"We are redeeming about \$10,000 a month at the redemption center," said Mr. Muraoka.

The recycling center separates and bales all their received recyclables including the HI-5 from the redemption center. One bale is approximately 1400 lbs.

"When we have a sufficient load most of it gets shipped to the mainland," said Mr. Muraoka. "We have several companies that bid on the different materials and we sell it to them."

The money from the sale gets deposited into the treasury to be used to offset the recycling center operational costs.

"Most years the funds generated by the recycling program is used to pay for

the salary of employees," said Mr. Muraoka.

Not all of it goes to salaries. Some of their operational costs are depleted from people illegally dumping materials that the recycling center does not accept.

"What we have a problem with is getting people to stop illegal dumping," said Mr. Muraoka. "They cannot bring hazardous materials like paint, oil, typical stuff they would have in a kitchen, cleansers. We don't take light bulbs, batteries, car tires only the items on the list I mentioned."

The recycling center has to pay to get rid of any hazardous items, by law they can't just throw it out.

"It costs money and most times we don't know what the item is, and if we don't it has to be tested," said Mr. Muraoka. "Testing costs a lot of money and it can cost several \$100 if we don't know what something is."

All hazardous material needs to be disposed of properly and the city and county of Honolulu provides

convenience centers for this type of waste. There are several located on the island for people to bring residential items only. To find out what they accept, go to [http://envhonorolulu.org/solid\\_waste/Drop\\_off\\_Centers\\_for\\_Refuse.html](http://envhonorolulu.org/solid_waste/Drop_off_Centers_for_Refuse.html)

The center has quarterly hazardous waste turn in days, but by appointment only. Call 692-5411 to schedule an appointment.

If the recycle center does receive illegally dumped hazardous material and they know what it is they can give it to HPower. An example of a material that can be burned with HPower is oil.

"Very little of our stuff goes to landfill, most of it goes the HPower to get burned for energy," said Mr. Muraoka. "This is still recycling."

The recycling center stays on top and evaluates emerging technologies that could further reduce the reliance on landfills.

They've increased the amount of balers and other new equipment for efficient



Photo by Senior Airman Erin Smith

**Staff Sgt. Roberto Vazquez, 735th Air Mobility Squadron returns bottles and cans to the redemption center.**

cy to process more material.

"We are here to help, but we are limited and here to support the industrial facilities," concluded Mr. Muraoka. "We do provide other sources for people to

take their stuff if we don't accept it."

For further information call the recycling center at 448-2274/2276 or the household hazardous waste information line at 692-5411.